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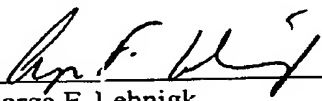
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Applicant elects the embodiment of Species 1, drawn to Figure 2, for immediate prosecution. At least claims 1, 4, 6 and 12 read on the elected Species 1, with at least claim 1 being a generic claim. As acknowledged in the Office Action, upon the allowance of a generic claim, Applicant will be entitled to examination of the remaining species.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. Since the anniversary of the priority date fell on a Saturday, the filing of this application on Monday, January 3, 2005, is sufficient to obtain the benefit of priority.

Respectfully submitted,


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